

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING ROOM ON JUNE 13, 2012, AT 6:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Shimizu, Chairman, Don Antczak, Beverly Lund, Jerri Harwell, Pat Menlove, Sylvia Orton, John Glauser, Max Evans, Gayle Conger

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jerry Christensen, Dean Smart

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Peterson, City Councilman

Tom Shimizu opened the meeting at 6:15 P.M. There are several business matters to discuss. They include the progress on the narratives to be used on the markers that we want to be placed on the new Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail running through the North east end of the City; the progress on qualifying as a Certified Local Government; and progress on our area research assignments that were given to us in January. He mentioned that the assignments need to be completed and turned in to him by the end of this year.

Councilman Mike Peterson reported that he has submitted a small budget request to the City for our committee. That request is for \$2,500.00, to be used for supplies, and \$6,000.00, to be used for the markers to be placed along the trail. The approval should be back within the next few weeks since the end of the fiscal year is June 30, 2012. He also reported that City has purchased a mobile scanner that we can share. Next year we may purchase a larger one. The cost of the scanner was very small, around \$250.00, which is what we had planned on and was paid for with this year's money.

Councilman Peterson reported that the City has passed an ordinance establishing a proposal that we become a Certified Local Government and with the copies of the resumes given to him tonight by Sylvia Orton, the request will be submitted within the next week. This will allow us to apply for certain grants.

Councilman Peterson also reported that he has a large van the City had made available for our use tonight as we visited the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail.

John Glauser asked what the progress of the trail is at this point and if the City plans on completing the trail running under Wasatch Boulevard and ending at the parking lot at the mouth of the canyon. The Councilman reported that bids for the remaining balance of the trail which includes the portion under Wasatch will be going out very soon. Depending on the cost, the trail will either end right now at Wasatch or if the funds are available completed to the parking lot. Things are moving right along.

Gayle Conger reported that she has completed some very rough drafts on the narratives to be used on the trail markers. She passed a copy to each of the committee members. She asked that we read them over adding that any suggestions, help, comments would be appreciated. John Glauser wondered if there were any photos of the original places. John suggested that the committee try to find photos during the next couple of months.

Jerri Harwell asked if the LDS Church might be interested in covering the cost of the marker for the Tithing House. Max Evans responded that they do not have a formal "marker program." They are more interested in placing markers in international locations than here locally, showing the growth of the Church outside the state and country.

John Glauser suggested that we contact Kim Wilson, a local attorney who is founder and chairman of the board of the Mormon Historical Sites Foundation. Mr. Shimizu reported that he personally knows Mr. Wilson and could make contact with him. Mr. Evans also know several people connected with the Foundation and said that they have bought several historical sites outside the state and have either given them to the LDS Church or have overseen their preservation. He wasn't sure if they would be interested in our local area, as most of these areas are outside the state, but it might certainly be worth the contact. He also knows another man involved in the Foundation.

Sylvia Orton reminded Mr. Shimizu that we were going to talk about an idea Gayle Conger had regarding City street signs. Mr. Shimizu asked Ms. Conger to explain her idea to the committee. Ms. Conger said that many of the streets, hills, etc. originally had traditional names that are no longer in use, such as: Danish Town, Butler Hill, Colbrook Corner. One example she gave was Butler Hill is now Ft. Union Boulevard and on the street signs between 23rd and 27th East, the wording "Historic Butler Hill" could be added below Ft. Union Boulevard. The committee liked the idea and Councilman Peterson will take the matter before the City Council. It was mentioned that this is done in Sandy and Midvale.

John Glauser indicated that all of the cabins in Big Cottonwood Canyon are now required to have a street address and the Country is printing up the street signs for a cost of \$6.00. Councilman Peterson will check on that after he talks to the City Council. He's thinking that those signs are done at the prison.

Mr. Glauser invited the members of the committee to visit his pickup before we leave on our field trip. He was given 6 adobe bricks that were original to the fort in Union. It was suggested that he donate five of the bricks to Midvale City since that is where the fort was located and we keep one of them in our City archives.

Max Evans asked if Ms. Conger had sources for her information. She responded that she does and will share them with Mr. Evans.

Ms. Harwell wondered why in this month's journal, her name was listed as the source of the "Historical Question and Answer" as that had not been done in the past. Ms. Orton has turned in all of those in the past and since this one was sent directly by Ms. Harwell, they might have felt that it was to be included. In the past, the person's name was included only in the narrative of the email.

Don Antczak suggested that there should be a marker for the Silica Mines since they were very important in the making of the bricks they used to line chimneys, fire brick. The mines were east of Wasatch Boulevard and north of the gravel pit on the side of the mountain.

Normally the committee does not meet in July because of Butlerville Days and the extra time we spend helping at that event, but since we will be having a picnic in August, we will meet on July 11, 2012, at 6:15 P.M. to go over last minute plans for our display on the 24th of July.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.